

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST
BUFFALO RANGER DISTRICT**

**North Buffalo Fire
Emergency Trail and Area Closure**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following act is prohibited within the following described area of the Teton Wilderness Area, all within the **BUFFALO Ranger District**, Bridger-Teton National Forest until further notice:

1. Being on a trail that is posted as closed. See the attached map, **36 CFR 261.55(a)**.
2. Being in the area that is described as closed. See the attached map, **36 CFR 261.52(e)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The Soda Fork Trail (FS 6051) is closed. Also closed is that portion of the North Buffalo Fork Trail (FS 6047) beginning at the junction with Trail Creek (FS 6048) and continuing easterly to its terminus on the Continental Divide. The North Buffalo Fork Trail (FS 6047) from its beginning up to the Trail Creek junction shall be open for public use. Refer to attached map.

The area closed shall be described as that portion of the North Buffalo watershed, bound by the Continental Divide on the north and east side of the fire and the Soda Fork Watershed bound by Smokehouse and Terrace Mountains in the south. The west boundary is the North Buffalo Fork Trail (FS 6047) from its junction with the South Buffalo Fork Trail, up to Trail Creek (FS 6048, refer to attached map).

Recent fire growth to the southeast requires an expansion of the closure as follows: The South Buffalo Fork Trail (FS 6053) shall remain open from its junction with the North Buffalo Fork Trail (FS 6047) for approximately 3 miles to the western half of Lower Pendergraft Meadow. The South Buffalo Fork Trail is closed in Lower Pendergraft Meadow at the point where an unnamed drainage crosses the meadow from Terrace Mountain.

From the described point in Lower Pendergraft Meadow, the closure area shall be east of a line drawn down to Holmes Cave and from there, continuing southeast, to Breccia Peak. The southeast boundary is a line drawn from Breccia Peak to Bear Cub Peak (refer to attached map).

The east side of the expanded closure area is the line drawn from Bear Cub Peak roughly to Mackinaw Lake, thence north to Crater Lake. It is important to note that areas that fall within last year's Nowlin Fire and this year's Bear Cub Fire shall be open, although caution is advised within the perimeters of these fires due to the potential for falling trees and branches.

The area closure now includes significant portions of the Cub Creek Trail (FS 6056). The fire is poised at the confluence of Cub Creek and the South Buffalo Fork River. The Cub Creek drainage is heavily forested and offers few safety zones should the fire make a run up the drainage.

The area affected may be subject to rapid fire growth that poses an extreme hazard to public safety.

The above described area is within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Buffalo Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Park County, WY.

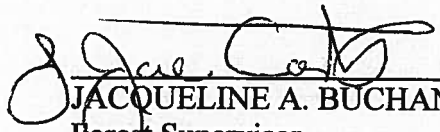
PURPOSE:

The purpose of this order is to protect public safety in the presence of an active wildfire.

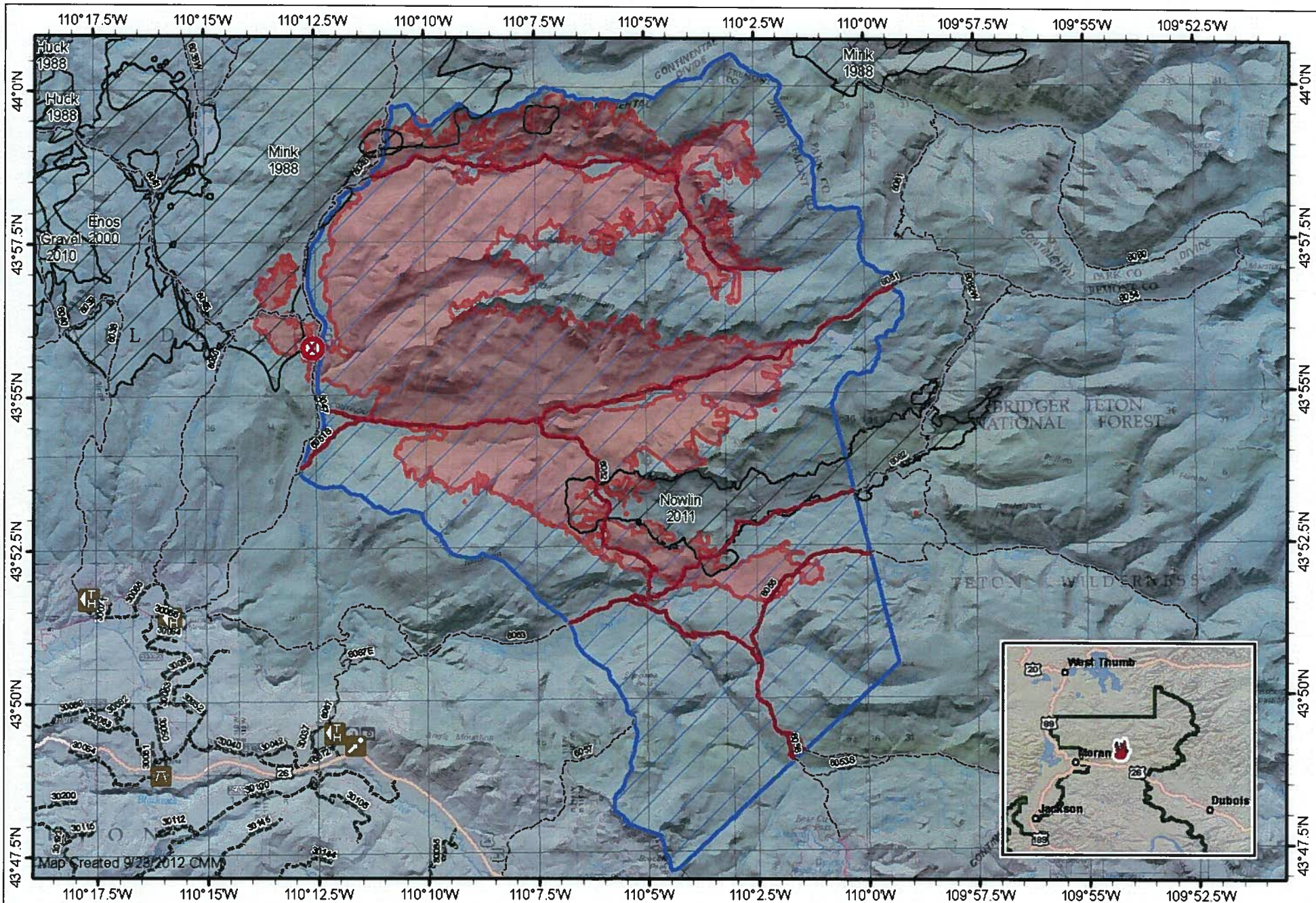
IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the trail closed is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals, and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Jackson, Wyoming this 22nd day of September, 2012.


JACQUELINE A. BUCHANAN
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Bridger-Teton National Forest

Order Number: 04-03-540



North Buffalo Public Information Map

WY-BTF-000028

Closure Order 04-03-540

Effective September 22, 2012

GIS Acres: 28,581 as of 9/23/2012, 08:30



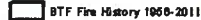
Fire Origin



Fire Perimeter



North Buffalo Closure



BTF Fire History 1950-2011



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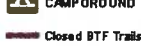
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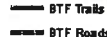
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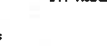
Closed BTF Trails



Highways



BTF Trails



BTF Roads

